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Dan Opalski, Director
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Subject: Declination of a Portion of Lead Service Line Inventory and Replacement Funds

Dear Mr. Opalski,

On March 8, 2022, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that Washington State Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program was eligible to receive \$63,336,000 for lead service line inventory and replacement under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) in 2022. In accordance with EPA guidance and our regulations the Washington DWSRF opened a Lead Service Line Inventory and Replacement Loan Cycle to request applications for specific projects. Unfortunately, only four water systems expressed interest in a loan requesting a total of \$972,590 and one of the requesting systems met our disadvantaged community definition.

With the limited utility interest and the federal requirement to provide 49 percent of the funds provided as loan forgiveness to disadvantaged communities, Washington will only be able to apply for \$85,000. Unfortunately, Washington State Department of Health is declining \$63,251,000 of Washington's federal fiscal year 2022 allocated lead service line inventory and replacement funds.

I appreciate the assistance and patience of the EPA staff as we evaluated the funding opportunity and look forward to working together on future BIL lead service line inventory and replacement funding.

Sincerely,

Amy Ferris

Amy Ferris
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cc: Lauren Jenks, Assistant Secretary of Environmental Public Health Division, Department of Health
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